

(c) whether a Government official was also found to be involved in it in 1993; and

(d) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Settlement of Boundary related issues with Bangladesh

3505. **DR.(SHRIMATI) JOYASHREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No.1038, given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th November, 2000 and state the progress made in the matter of settlement of all boundary related matters with Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): During the Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh held in New Delhi in December, 2000, the Foreign Secretaries had decided to set up to two joint Boundary Working Groups, the first of which would deal with the completion of demarcation and second with the exchange of enclaves and territories in adverse possession. Both groups would systematically address these matters and report to the Foreign Secretaries from time to time. The Government of India has proposed terms of reference for the Joint Boundary Working Groups. Response from the Government of Bangladesh is awaited. The Government of India is committed to an early settlement of all boundary-related matters with Bangladesh through peaceful dialogue.

Foreign Nationals in Electoral Rolls

†3506. **SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign nationals residing in various States of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the names of foreign nationals appear in the electoral rolls also;

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(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government with regard to deleting the names of foreign nationals from the electoral rolls of various States in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) A Statement is enclosed. (*See below*)

(b) to (d) Foreign nationals are not eligible to be included in the electoral rolls. However, some foreign nationals might have fraudulently got their names included in the electoral rolls. As and when such names are detected in the electoral rolls, action is taken by the authority concerned (The State Government) to remove them.

Statement

Number of foreign nationals residing in various States of the Country

Sl. No.	State/UT	No of* Regd. Foreigners	No of* Foreign Refugees	No of** Pak Nationals	Total
1.	Delhi	35498	12862	2921	51281
2.	Karnataka	14690	27363	189	42242
3.	Maharashtra	13436	1205	4623	19264
4.	Tamilnadu	10385	84665	120	95170
5.	Gujarat	10313	—	6333	16646
6.	West Bengal	5402	2416	759	8577
7.	Kerala	4450	—	405	4855
8.	Pondicherry	3960	30	6	3996
9.	Uttar Pradesh	3490	7370	3037	13897
10.	Andhra Pradesh	3280	3	393	3676
11.	Punjab	2358	49	364	2771
12.	Goa	1935	2	121	2058
13.	Chandigarh	1505	3	—	1508
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1136	1343	5011	7490
15.	Himachal Pradesh	749	17667	—	18416
16.	Haryana	726	1063	777	2566
17.	Bihar	673	21	268	962
18.	Assam	668	—	—	668

Sl. No.	State/UT	No of* Regd. Foreigners	No of* Foreign Refugees	No of** Pak Nationals	Total
19.	Orissa	421	3380	32	3833
20.	Meghalaya	385	392	—	777
21.	Rajasthan	364	736	8077	9177
22.	Daman & Diu	352	—	—	352
23.	Mizoram	201	—	—	201
24.	Jammu & Kashmir	82	6761	151	6994
25.	Andaman & Nicobar	33	50	—	83
26.	Tripura	19	—	—	19
27.	Nagaland	7	—	—	7
28.	Manipur	4	—	—	4
29.	Sikkim	4	2524	—	2528
30.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4	—	—	4
31.	Lak. & M. Island	2	—	—	2
32.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	45574	—	45574
Total		116532	215479	33587	365598

*As on 31.12.1999 (excluding Pak nationals)

**As on 31.12.2000

Illegal activities in the Border Areas

3507. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to prevent illegal activities such as illegal entry, smuggling of arms by terrorists and clandestine narcotics trade from across the border of Indo-Pakistan, Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Nepal; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Government have taken a decision to fence the Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders to prevent infiltration, smuggling of arms/narcotics and other anti-national activities.

Government have also adopted a well coordinated multipronged approach for tackling such illegal and anti nation activities, which includes strengthening of border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, setting up of outposts of security forces,